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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-94 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-94 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements submitted are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,044,471.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from

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each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-45 in that claims 1-45 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

4. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,460,142.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-21 in that claims 1-21 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

5. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,195.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-22 in that claims 1-22 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

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6. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,264.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-20 in that claims 1-20 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

7. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-53 of U.S. Patent No. 6,446,211.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-53 in that claims 1-53 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

8. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,799,277.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-40 in that claims 1-40 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not

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patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

9. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,795,925.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-19 in that claims 1-19 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

10. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,548.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-19 in that claims 1-19 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

11. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,549.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent

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claims 1-12 in that claims 1-12 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

12. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-126 of U.S. Patent No. 6,813,717.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-126 in that claims 1-126 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

13. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-140 of U.S. Patent No. 6,857,078.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-140 in that claims 1-140 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

14. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-176 of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,825.

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Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-176 in that claims 1-176 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

15. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-98 of U.S. Patent No. 6,813,718.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-98 in that claims 1-98 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

16. Claims 1-94 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,986,063.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by patent claims 1-40 in that claims 1-40 of the patent claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the earlier patent claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

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17. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-100 of copending Application No. 10/605,060. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-100 in that claims 1-100 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

18. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-99 of copending Application No. 10/605,061. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-99 in that claims 1-99 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

19. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-86 of

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compending Application No. 10/605,062. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-86 in that claims 1-86 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

20. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-95 of compending Application No. 10/605,063. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-95 in that claims 1-95 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting..

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

21. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-88 of compending Application No. 10/605,064. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant

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application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-88 in that claims 1-88 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

22. Claims 1-94 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-97 of copending Application No. 10/605,065. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-94 of the instant application are envisioned by co-pending claims 1-97 in that claims 1-97 of the co-pending claims all the limitations of claims 1-94 of the instant application. Claims 1-94 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the co-pending claims, and as such, are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting..

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

23. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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24. Claims 1-94 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ananda, U.S. Patent 5,495,411.

As per claim 1, it is disclosed by Ananda of a computer readable storage medium comprising: software including data representing digital content; and at least one identifier associated with the software prior to distribution of the software, the at least one identifier being detectable by a resident authorized representative to request authentication of the software and selective exchange of information with a remote authorized representative (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28; col. 4, lines 18-28; col. 6, lines 57-63; and col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 2, it is taught by Ananda wherein the software includes instructions for the resident authorized representative to contact a remote authorized representative at predetermined intervals (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 3, Ananda discloses wherein the exchange of information includes information selected from a group consisting of updates, upgrades, patches, marketing information, promotional information, quality assurance information, network monitoring and metering information, and error and usage information (col. 20, lines 53-62).

As per claim 4, Ananda teaches wherein the exchange of information includes instructions for dynamic authorized representative changes (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 5, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the exchange of information includes instructions for repeating the step of authentication (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

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As per claim 6, it is taught by Ananda wherein the digital content is selected from the group consisting of data representing music, data representing video, instructions executable by a computer, code for an application program, code for an operating system component, code for a game, data representing a movie, data representing graphics, data representing watermarked works, data representing a magazine, and data representing a book (col. 1, lines 17-19).

As per claim 7, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one identifier is hidden from the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 8, Ananda teaches wherein the at least one identifier is tamper resistant to the user ().

As per claim 9, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is embedded within a file of at least one component of the software (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 10, it is taught by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is a binary code (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 11, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one identifier is encrypted (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 12, Ananda teaches wherein the software is electronically distributed (col. 3, lines 19-32).

As per claim 13, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the software is distributed on the computer readable storage medium (col. 3, lines 57-63 and col. 9, lines 35-36).

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As per claim 14, it is taught by Ananda of instructions for determining whether an attempted access to the software is authorized based on detection of the at least one identifier (col. 3, lines 11-15).

As per claim 15, Ananda discloses of instructions for determining whether the attempted access to the software is authorized based on registration information associated with the software (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 16, Ananda teaches wherein the instructions for determining comprise: Instructions for determining whether the attempted access to the software is authorized based on registration information associated with the software and registration information associated with a user device (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 17, it is disclosed by Ananda of instructions for communicating registration information to an authorized representative of the software; instructions for generating at least one authentication code based on the registration information; and instructions for associating the authentication code with the software (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 18, it is taught by Ananda wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by a user device (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 19, Ananda discloses wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by software (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 20, Ananda teaches wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by hardware (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

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As per claim 21, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by hardware and software (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).).

As per claim 22, it is taught by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is included in a file name for at least one component of the software (col. 6, lines 57-65).

As per claim 23, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one identifier is selected from the group consisting of a filename, a filename prefix, a filename suffix, a filename extension, a filename extension prefix, and a filename extension suffix (col. 6, lines 57-65).

As per claim 24, Ananda teaches wherein the identifier is tamper resistant to the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 25, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is hidden to the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 26, it is taught by Ananda of a computer readable storage medium having data stored therein representing software readable by a computer, the software including instructions for securing software to reduce unauthorized use of the software and selectively exchanging information, the computer readable storage medium comprising software including data representing digital content; and a plurality of identifiers associated with the software prior to distribution of the software, at least one identifier being detectable by a resident authorized representative to request authentication of the software and at least one identifier being detectable by a resident authorized representative to request selective exchange of information with a remote

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authorized representative (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28; col. 4, lines 18-28; col. 6, lines 57-63; and col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 27, Ananda discloses wherein at least one of the identifiers is an activation code that must be entered by the user prior to transferring the software to the user system (col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 28, Ananda teaches wherein the instructions for selectively exchanging information include instructions to the resident authorized administrator for contacting a remote authorized representative at predetermined intervals (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).).

As per claim 29, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the exchange of information is selected from a group consisting of updates, upgrades, patches, marketing information, promotional information, quality assurance information, network monitoring and metering information, and error and usage information (col. 20, lines 53-62).

As per claim 30, it is taught by Ananda wherein the instructions for selectively exchanging information include instructions for dynamic authorized representative changes (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 31, Ananda discloses wherein the instructions for selectively exchanging information include instructions for repeating the step of authentication (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 32, Ananda teaches wherein the digital content is selected from the group consisting of data representing music, data representing video, instructions executable by a computer, code for an application program, code for an operating

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system, code for a game, data representing a movie, data representing graphics, data representing watermarked works, data representing a magazine, and data representing a book (col. 1, lines 17-19).

As per claim 33, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is hidden from the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 34, it is taught by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is tamper resistant to the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 35, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one identifier is embedded within a file of at least one component of the software (col. 6, lines 57-65).

As per claim 36, Ananda teaches wherein the at least one identifier is a binary code (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 37, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the at least one identifier is encrypted (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 38, it is taught by Ananda wherein the step of distributing the software comprises electronically distributing the software (col. 3, lines 57-63 and col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 39, Ananda discloses wherein the software is electronically distributed (col. 3, lines 57-63 and col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 40, Ananda teaches of instructions for determining whether an attempted access to the software is authorized based on detection of the at least one identifier (col. 3, lines 11-15).

As per claim 41, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the instructions for determining comprise instructions for determining whether the attempted access to the software is authorized based on registration information associated with the software (col. 3, lines 21-29).

As per claim 42, it is taught by Ananda wherein the instructions for determining comprise instructions for determining whether the attempted access to the software is authorized based on registration information associated with the software and registration information associated with a user device (col. 3, lines 21-29).

As per claim 43, Ananda discloses of instructions for communicating registration information to an authorized representative of the software; instructions for generating at least one authentication code based on the registration information; and instructions for associating the authentication code with the software (col. 11, lines 9-13).

As per claim 44, Ananda teaches wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by a user device (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 45, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by software (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 46, it is taught by Ananda wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by hardware ().

As per claim 47, Ananda discloses wherein authorized representative functions are implemented by hardware and software (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

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As per claim 48, Ananda teaches wherein the at least one identifier is included in a file name for at least one component of the software (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 49, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the identifier is selected from the group consisting of a filename, a filename prefix, filename suffix, filename extension, filename extension prefix, and filename extension suffix (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 50, it is taught by Ananda wherein the identifier is tamper resistant to the user (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 51, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one identifier is hidden to the user (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 52, Ananda teaches of a computer readable storage medium having software including instructions for reducing unauthorized use and selectively exchanging information via at least one authorized representative entity installed on or in a user device and at least one remote authorized representative, the computer readable storage medium comprising at least one identifier associated with the software to designate the software for protection from unauthorized use and trigger selective exchange of information; instructions for detecting the at least one identifier using the authorized representative resident on or in the user device; instructions for determining whether the user device is authorized to access the software using the authorized representative entity installed on or in the user device; instructions for controlling access to the software based on whether the user device is determined to be authorized; and instructions for selectively exchanging information with the at least one remote

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authorized representative (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28; col. 4, lines 18-28; col. 6, lines 57-63; and col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 53, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein selectively exchanging information includes instructions to the resident authorized administrator for contacting the remote authorized representative at predetermined intervals (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 54, it is taught by Ananda wherein the exchange of information is selected from a group consisting of updates, upgrades, patches, marketing information, promotional information, quality assurance information, network monitoring and metering information, and error and usage information (col. 20, lines 53-62).

As per claim 55, Ananda discloses wherein exchanging information includes instructions for dynamic authorized representative changes (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 56, Ananda teaches wherein exchanging information includes instructions for repeating the step of authentication (col. 4, line 61 through col. 5, line 10).

As per claim 57, it is disclosed by Ananda of instructions for determining whether the user device is authorized to access the software using the remotely located authorized representative entity in combination with the at least one authorized representative entity installed on or in the user device (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

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As per claim 58, it is taught by Ananda wherein the at least one authorized representative entity installed on or in the user device comprises a computer chip (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 59, Ananda discloses wherein the at least one authorized representative entity installed on or in the user device comprises program instructions executed by a microprocessor (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 60, Ananda teaches wherein the program instructions comprise an operating system component (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 61, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the program instructions comprise an application program (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 62, it is taught by Ananda wherein the program instructions comprise a driver for a secondary device (col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 63, Ananda discloses wherein the instructions for determining whether the user device is authorized comprise instructions for comparing registration information associated with the user device to registration information associated with the software (col. 3, lines 16-49).

As per claim 64, Ananda teaches wherein the registration information associated with the software is embedded within an authentication code (col. 3, lines 24-28).

As per claim 65, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the registration information associated with the software is encrypted (col. 11, line 61 through col. 12, line 14).

As per claim 66, it is taught by Ananda wherein the registration information includes hardware information (col. 3, lines 11-15).

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As per claim 67, Ananda discloses wherein the registration information includes hardware information associated with a unique user device (col. 3, lines 11-15).

As per claim 68, Ananda teaches wherein the hardware information includes a serial number (col. 8, lines 18-23).

As per claim 69, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the registration information includes hardware information associated with a group of user devices (col. 3, lines 11-15).

As per claim 70, it is taught by Ananda wherein the authorized representative entity is installed by a manufacturer of the user device (col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 71, Ananda discloses wherein the authorized representative entity is installed from a computer readable storage medium (col. 6, lines 57-63 and col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 72, Ananda teaches wherein the authorized representative entity is installed from the software (col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 73, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the authorized representative entity is downloaded to the user device (col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 74, it is taught by Ananda wherein the authorized representative entity is transferred to the user device from a network (col. 9, lines 35-36).

As per claim 75, Ananda discloses wherein the instructions for controlling access comprise instructions for preventing the software from being transferred to a second user device (col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 76, Ananda teaches wherein the instructions for controlling access comprise instructions for preventing the software from being transferred to a user device if at least one authorized representative is not present (col. 10, lines 8-15).

As per claim 77, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the step of controlling access comprises preventing the software from being installed on a user device if at least one authorized representative is not present (col. 10, lines 8-15).

As per claim 78, it is taught by Ananda wherein the step of controlling access comprises preventing the software from being executed by the user device (col. 10, lines 8-15).

As per claim 79, Ananda discloses wherein the step of controlling access comprises providing limited access to the software (col. 10, lines 8-15).

As per claim 80, Ananda teaches wherein the software comprises digital content (col. 1, lines 17-19).

As per claim 81, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the software is selected from the group consisting of data representing music, data representing video, instructions executable by a computer, code for an application program, code for an operating system, code for a game, data representing a movie, data representing graphics, data representing watermarked works, data representing a magazine, and data representing a book (col. 1, lines 17-19).

As per claim 82, it is taught by Ananda wherein the software comprises instructions for generating at least one authentication code based on registration information associated with the user device (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

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As per claim 83, Ananda discloses wherein the software comprises instructions for encrypting the authentication code (col. 9, lines 25-34 and col. 10, line 63 through col. 11, line 8).

As per claim 84, Ananda teaches of a computer readable storage medium having data stored therein representing software readable by a computer, the software including instructions reducing unauthorized use and selectively exchanging information, the computer readable storage medium comprising software including data representing digital content; an identifier associated with the software indicating that protection from unauthorized use is desired; an identifier associated with the software indicating that selectively exchanging information is requested; instructions for communicating with an authorized representative entity to determine whether a user device attempting to access the software is authorized to access the software; and instructions for controlling access to the software based on whether the user device is authorized (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28; col. 4, lines 18-28; col. 6, lines 57-63; and col. 10, lines 4-15).

As per claim 85, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein at least one identifier associated with the software is contained within a filename for the software (col. 6, lines 57-65).

As per claim 86, it is taught by Ananda wherein the authorized representative entity is a hardware device (col. 10, lines 4-15 and col. 11, lines 61-65).

As per claim 87, Ananda discloses wherein the instructions for communicating with the authorized representative entity comprise instructions for communicating with at least one software module associated with the user device (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 88, Ananda teaches wherein the authorized representative entity is installed on the user device (col. 6, lines 57-63).

As per claim 89, it is disclosed by Ananda of instructions for generating an authentication code based on registration information associated with the user device; and instructions for associating the authentication code with the software (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 90, it is taught by Ananda wherein the instructions for communicating comprise: instructions for generating an authentication code based on registration information associated with the user device; and instructions for comparing the authentication code with a previously generated authentication code associated with the software to determine if the user device is authorized (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 91, Ananda discloses wherein the instructions for comparing the authentication code comprise instructions for determining if at least a portion of system information associated with the user device matches system information encoded within the authentication code associated with the software (col. 3, lines 11-15 & 21-28).

As per claim 92, Ananda teaches wherein the registration information includes hardware-specific information (col. 3, lines 11-15 and col. 9, lines 5-6).

As per claim 93, it is disclosed by Ananda wherein the authorized representative entity is installed on or in the user device (col. 6, lines 57-63).

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As per claim 94, it is taught by Ananda wherein the digital content is selected from the group consisting of data representing music, data representing video, instructions executable by a computer, code for an application program, code for an operating system, code for a game, data representing a movie, data representing graphics, data representing watermarked works, data representing a magazine, and data representing a book (col. 1, lines 17-19).

Conclusion

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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